

Happy Thanksgiving

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Elba superintendent happy to report ACT scores show upward trend in all areas

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In this week of Thanksgiving, superintendent Chris Moseley notes his thankfulness for the hard work being demonstrated by teachers and students together at Elba City Schools.

Recently, Moseley

"Our students received the best score overall composite that had been earned in five years," Elba superintendent Chris Moseley said regarding ACT scores from last year for this year's seniors.

System as high school principal, before becoming superintendent, he felt the students were not taking the ACT as serious as they probably should have been at the time. However, he said the administration and faculty put an emphasis back on what needed to be done, and the students are responding to that.

Students are able to take the ACT for free one time during a school day when they are juniors, and Moseley said help from parents in stressing the importance of taking that free test is crucial to allow the school to help see where students are and where they

need help.

"When I got to Elba probably 95 percent of the students did not take the ACT until the free one as juniors," he said. "Now, we are starting to see a trend of students taking it as early as their 9th or even 8th grade in school."

Moseley said a lot of people do not realize that the ACT can be taken up to 10 times, if needed. He said by students taking it earlier, the school system can look at the results and see where they need to work to help the students improve.

"The longer the student waits to take the ACT, the less time we have to help them," Moseley said. "Here at Elba, we have a great faculty that is committed to helping their students do the best they can to succeed. If we know the needs of the students for the ACT, we have the ability and staff ready and willing to help."

He said that already is showing in the numbers as indicated by the upward trend with scores for this year's senior class.

Moseley said when he entered the Elba School



SATURDAY MORNING WRECK SENDS ONE TO HOSPITAL... Local emergency personnel responded Saturday morning, Nov. 17, to the scene of a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 in the Curtis community. Upon arrival on scene responders found a 2013 Nissan Sentra, driven by Caitlin Bradshaw of Elba had been struck by a 2005 Chevrolet Aveo LS, driven by Deborah Ford, also of Elba. Officials on scene said it appeared the Sentra was traveling west on Hwy. 84 when the Aveo attempted to cross the intersection, which resulted in the collision. The photo above shows the damage to the Aveo. Bradshaw was transported by ambulance to Mizell Hospital in Opp, Ala. to receive treatment for injuries sustained in the accident. Alabama State Troopers investigated the accident.

Girl Scouts hold grand re-opening of Camp Humming Hills in Elba

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama (GSSA) hosted its grand re-opening of Camp Humming Hills in

Elba during the 2018 Adventure Blast Event held earlier this month.

The camp now features a



A girl scout takes aim at archery during the grand re-opening of Camp Humming Hills in Elba.

brand new zip line and archery range. Hundreds of local Girl Scouts came and zipped, shot, and hiked their way through the beautiful camp. A few girls even camped out the night before on site and learned how to build a campfire and make homemade ice cream using tin cans.

"We even made a game out of kicking the tin can around to make the ice cream," says Girl Scout Junior Ariel M. "My favorite part of the weekend though was going on the zip line! At first, I was scared to be up so high, but I'm glad I did it and conquered that fear because it was so much fun!"

GSSA is incredibly thankful for Wiregrass RC&D and Wiregrass United Way for making it all possible. Wiregrass RC&D's grant funded the archery equipment for the new archery range, and

Wiregrass United Way's grant funded a new cabin and zip line course.

"This camp allows girls to grow in confidence as they face and overcome challenges, connect with nature, and discover passions through the power of the great outdoors," says GSSA CEO Karlyn Edmonds.

A few fun facts about Camp Humming Hills: It sits at the highest point in Coffee County, is 267 acres with two ponds, and has a hidden lake that was hand dug by the Civilian Conservation Corporation in 1903. Humming Hills is also a girl-friendly camp that gives Girl Scouts the opportunity to take the lead and let their inner G.I.R.L. (go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, leader) potential shine.

To join Girl Scouts or learn more about volunteering, visit www.girlscoutssa.org.

Elba Christmas Parade set for Dec. 3rd

Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

"Christmas Movies" is this year's theme. The parade will take place in downtown Elba, beginning and ending on Dixon Street by the old high school football stadium. Families and friends will line the streets as over 100 parade entries march down to the courthouse square.

Entries for this year's parade are now being accepted. Businesses, floats, antique cars, beauty queens and more are welcome to join the award-winning Elba High School Marching Tiger Band, EHS Dance Line and Cheerleaders, the local police and fire department, the Coffee County Sheriff, elected officials, and others.

The deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 30th. There is no fee to participate.

There will be live performances on Court Street in front of the public viewing stands and the parade stage. The Elba Christmas Parade has entertained thousands of children and adults year after year as it winds its way by the historic Coffee County

Area Happenings

CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Nov. 22-23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The garbage trucks will not run a route on Thanksgiving Day; therefore, the Thursday [Nov. 22nd] route will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 23rd.

ALL COFFEE COUNTY OFFICES will be closed Nov. 22-23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The garbage trucks will not run a route on Thanksgiving Day; therefore, the Thursday [Nov. 22nd] route will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 23rd.

FIRST ANNUAL CRUISIN' CHRISTMAS CAR SHOW will be Saturday, Dec. 1, from 12 - 4 p.m. in downtown Elba as part of the Christmas Kickoff in Elba event (which also includes a craft bazaar at Just Folk Coffeehouse, SEC championship game showing in Elba Theatre, and the Lighting of the Downtown Christmas Tree). Admission to the car show is free. There is a \$20 entry fee for car owners (proceeds to benefit the Elba Public Library). Registration is from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, and the show is from 12-4 p.m. Contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505 for more information.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS AND THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT will present Christmas Showcase 2018 on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. Admission is free. This event will feature The Eclectics Show Choir (including students from Elba, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel) and the Elba Elementary School Choir students.

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THE ELBA AMERICAN LEGION, POST #42 HELD A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY Saturday, Nov. 10, at the National Security's Veterans Memorial Park. Pictured above placing the wreath are Travis Parker, Post #73, Enterprise, and Doug Howell, of Elba, Post #42. Also present for the event was Greg Akers, of Clanton, Adjutant of the Alabama American Legion. The local post had earlier offered a free pancake breakfast to visitors at the Post headquarters, located on the Troy Highway.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy." — Isaac Newton

A retired 30-year veteran FBI agent with 15 years experience on a SWAT team spoke out last week against arming untrained civilians to combat and neutralize mass shootings in schools, churches, nightclubs, concerts, etc. His position is that it would cause further loss of innocent lives with civilians firing guns in densely crowded, chaotic venues. He further added he did not believe that amateurs could be trained to the level needed for safe defense of these assembled people. Our Birmingham native expert advocates that law enforcement must react quickly and end the situation. None of his comments are new stuff. At some meeting we were in a year or so ago with experts in this field, those attending heard of the above dangers plus having uniformed law enforcement enter the active shooter scene, see a civilian step around the corner with a drawn weapon and in the confusion immediately start shooting, thinking that the armed civilian is one of the bad guys. End results are more innocent people wounded — or worse killed. This has been our argument every time the arming of patrolling church members, school teachers, etc., is mentioned. We still hold those opinions . . . maybe even stronger.

Last week the United States "celebrated" Recycle Day. Well, officially it was celebrated but actually the majority of Americans went about business as usual with many still tossing things out the car window. We see so much potential recyclable material go into the trash cans and on the sidewalks every day that we could almost cry out "S-T-O-P that right now"!! But then our cutting remark (under our breath) about that is, "Oh, we forgot . . . you are a cut above such trivia stuff."

Thursday is the annual Thanksgiving Day in the United States, a time we should stop and be thankful for what we have. It may be a lot, or just a chair to sit in and some leftovers from yesterday, but even that is more than much of the world has to enjoy. Each of us has our ups and downs and should enjoy the ups while remembering and cherishing them during those times when life hits those stumbling blocks that are in everyone's life.

Our Elba City Council article last week created a lot of questions about the proposed new recreation facility...questions that our office can't answer. Frankly there is a lot about the proposal that can't be answered by anyone at this time. There is more detail that the principals in this venture could tell anyone asking, but they would probably qualify every statement with something about "if". They have a long way to go before this project becomes a reality. Just cross your fingers and wish them luck! Oh, and get ready for a ride on their brand new zipline.

Several editorial writers across Alabama are debating the ability to vote a straight ticket in this state. Many states have removed that option, but it is still possible in our home state. We don't consider it stupid for someone to vote the straight ticket even though we don't do it and frankly never have. Even back in the days when Alabama was all Democrat our ballot was marked for the candidate . . . or in some cases just skipped.

May the spirit of the season be with you all year long. May you be blessed with peace and joy. Be safe.

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~ A change of heart changes everything ~
(based on a true story)

Editorial by R.A. Mathews

A change of heart changes everything. Jane and Anne discovered this one cold, rainy Thanksgiving eve.

Ideally, Thanksgiving is the time we thank God for all our blessings. Even so, holiday stress can be overwhelming—coordinating everyone's schedules, shopping for the big feast, relatives who don't always get along, and then preparing the meal.

Jane and Anne didn't know each other before that Wednesday night, but one unforgettable incident changed them forever.

Both women had left work early, certain they'd beat the grocery store insanity. The parking lot was completely full as each arrived. The women were forced to park a block

away, down opposite side streets. They hiked back in the wet cold, grumbling along with everyone else making the same trek.

Then the store was sheer madness—Anne grabbed the last of the celery, snagging two bags.

"No more celery?" The woman behind her panicked. "How can I make dressing without celery?"

"I know, right?" Anne hurried past her.

Across the store, Jane grabbed the remaining boxes of butter.

Shoppers nearby shrieked. "The butter is gone?"

Jane nodded. "It's awful!"

Exhausted, both Anne and Jane finally hurried from opposite sides of the store to the check-out lines. Each stopped abruptly, seeing the lines backed down

into the grocery aisles.

Anne moved into the second lane groaning. Jane entered lane four, angrily eyeing the closed number three check-out.

"Seriously," Jane said loudly.

"We need help up here!" Anne shouted.

A manger finally appeared, opening lane three. "Take the next person."

Anne raced from her lane as Jane cut out of hers, both banging their carts head on, jamming the entrance to the lane.

"I was here first," Jane said. That was true. Anne had just barely blocked her.

"Remember who called for the manager?" Anne said.

Both women shoved their buggies forward again and again, making an awful clang sound, trying to

force the other aside.

"Move!" Anne said.

"I was first!" Jane said.

The arguing got louder, each refusing to back down.

A young woman with a baby on her hip left her shopping cart and stepped between them.

"What?" both women said, giving their carts an extra shove.

"It's Thanksgiving," she said.

The two glared at her, boiling mad. Even so, the young woman stood her ground. She quietly spoke one sentence to them.

Oh, yes. Each tried to respond, but that sentence had struck hard. The two women stopped and stood still.

Jane backed up first.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 12, investigated the following arrests: one for attempting to elude, one for failure to appear, one for driving under the influence, and two for minor in consumption.

There were 12 traffic citations and 12 traffic warnings issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Nov. 12th – Nov. 18th.

MONDAY, NOV. 12 — Officer assisted a motorist on County Rd 353 by taking the individual to get gas for the vehicle (2:35 a.m.); Officer assist a motorist who had locked their keys in the vehicle at the Riviera Motel (10:46 a.m.); Report of a domestic dispute on Old Samson Rd (11:28 a.m.); Officer attempted to stop a subject on Morrow Ave — subject fled on foot but was apprehended on Johnson St and then taken to jail on multiple warrants and other charges (8:54 p.m.); Officer out with a disabled vehicle on E Davis St — stayed with vehicle and individuals until help arrived and vehicle was cleared from the roadway (10:08 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 13 — Possible suicide attempt reported on Kendrick St — subject transported to hos-

pital (2:39 p.m.); Elba Fire Department responded to a smoke alarm at 987 Drayton Ave (2:49 a.m.); Officers assisted county units with a traffic stop at Hwy 87 and Hwy 203 — narcotics were recovered by county (11:08 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14 — Officer directing traffic on Hwy 87 around a disabled vehicle (12:04 a.m.); Verbal dispute reported on Reese Ave (10:52 a.m.); Multiple vehicles accident reported on Hwy 87 N with a tree down across the highway — also responding to scene were Alabama State Troopers, Elba Fire Department, State and City road departments, and Haynes Ambulance — only minor injuries reported (6:50 p.m.); Domestic dispute reported on Claxton Ave (10:30 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 15 — Unwanted guest reported on Jackson St (5:54 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Troy Hwy — subject was involved in an altercation but did not want to give any information — EMS transported the subject (6:52 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at Hwy 203 and Hwy 87 — one arrest made for DUI and one arrest made for minor consumption (10:21 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 16 — Past burglary reported on Adkinson Ave (9:28 a.m.); Officer out with a suspicious vehicle at the Pea River boat ramp (9:40 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 17 — Assisted county units in directing traffic for a two-vehicle wreck at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (7:57 a.m.); Elba Fire Department responded to the wreck at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (7:57 a.m.); Elba Fire Department responded as mutual aide for Union

Grove Fire Department 4:08 p.m.); Officers assisted county units with a traffic stop on Taylor Mill Rd — a firearm and narcotics were recovered (9:38 p.m.); Officers out with multiple subjects at Tiger Town Park (10:36 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 18 — Officer out with a vehicle at Hwy 203 and Smith Ave — one subject transported to Coffee County Jail for minor in consumption (3:40 a.m.); Domestic dispute reported on Putnam St (6:03 p.m.).

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Zion Chapel School Honor Rolls

Grades 3 - 6 • 1st Nine Weeks

All "A" Honor Roll

Third Grade: Alexis Elaine Archie, Maya Alexandria Armstrong, Logan Alexander Boyett, Zoie Angelina Cochran, Ava Elizabeth Coggins, Bryant Glenn Gatlin, Kenzi Reese Grantham, Stone Andrew Grantham, Joseph Matthew Greenfield, Grady Adam Hamilton, Blakely Evan Jones, Daniel Aiden Myers, Gavyn Reese Nelson, Bentley Blake Simmons, Olivia Kate Stinson, Brock Anderson Taylor, Natalynn Kristen Taylor, Jonathan Bryce Wilson, Giuliana Rose Wyrosdick

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A/B Honor Roll

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"So—sorry," she said, barely able to speak, choking on heavy emotion.

Anne also backed away. "Me, too."

Jane silently turned her buggy, pushing it to the rear of the store. Anne did the same, tears glazing her eyes.

Jane handed the butter away. Anne did the same

with her celery.

Each entered the rear of the two longest lines and waited patiently, both wiping away tears, silently grieving.

"What happened?" one woman after another whispered to each other.

"What did the young mother say?"

Gradually the words made their way back through the lines. The young woman had reminded the two of something vastly important to Christians. Yet it's forgotten every day. Every day. All day long. Forgotten.

We fight to get our way, insist on being treated fairly, rail after experiencing injustice—whether prejudice or insult. We often seek revenge, evening the score for a wrong done.

What did the young mother say that made its way to every person in the store that cold, rainy November eve?

Six words.

She said, "Remember what Jesus did for you."

Bow your head with me and recall our Lord's sacrifice. Jesus was viciously beaten, the flesh torn from His skin. Our Lord fell, unable to bear the weight of His cross. Stakes were driven into His precious hands and feet. His side pierced.

Recall the cold-hearted jeering. "He saved others, let him save himself."

This Thanksgiving, praise God for His greatest gift.

Jesus.

Remember what our Lord did for you. Every day—remember. Every time you want your way, feel unfairly treated, suffer insult or prejudice—remember.

It will change your heart. And a change of heart changes everything.

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Obituaries

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MARY AGNES WILSON

Funeral Home of Enterprise directing. Mr. Jackson was born May 8, 1956 in Enterprise to the late Nora and Gilbert Jackson. He attended elementary and high school in Enterprise. Joe worked at Ft. Rucker, Ala., and also for the City of Enterprise.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nora and Gilbert Jackson, brother, Reverend Willie Lewis Jackson, and sister, Eloise White.

Survivors include his sisters and brothers: Willie Jackson (Gail), Ann Sankey (Willie), Robert Jackson (Kelly), Ruth Gordon, Maeola Flowers, Daniel Jackson, and Freddie Jackson; uncle: Jake Jackson (Evelyn); and a host of nieces, nephews,

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JOSEPH JACKSON
Mr. Joseph Jackson, age 62, of Enterprise, Ala., died recently at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday Nov. 17, at Daleville Christian Fellowship with Coleman

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LIFESTYLES

ADPH recommends flu shots for those 6 months of age and older

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) encourages annual influenza vaccination of all persons 6 months of age and older as the best way to prevent influenza and its potentially serious complications.

Among its many benefits are reducing the risk of flu illness, doctors' visits, hospitalization and even death.

For the upcoming 2018-2019 influenza season, there is updated flu vaccine and many vaccine options, including nasal spray vaccine. Flu circulates year round and peak activity usually occurs between December and February, but could start earlier or extend later.

In the 2017-2018 flu season, there was widespread activity for three months,

Holiday decorating workshop set for Dec. 2nd at Landmark Park

Share the spirit of the Christmas season at Landmark Park Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Holiday Decorating Workshop from 1-4 p.m. in the Ag Building.

Create wreaths, garlands and swags out of natural materials and decorate Landmark Park for Victorian Christmas and make some decorations to take home. Refreshments will be provided.

Guests are welcome to bring their own natural materials (okra pods, seeds, berries, pine cones, etc.) but

which was longer than usual.

As of October 27, 2018, a total of 185 pediatric deaths for the 2017-2018 season have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with approximately 80 percent of these deaths occurring in children who did not receive a flu shot for the season.

Precautions are as follows:

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Fever should be

gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/> with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like flu.

Contact your private physician or your local county health department for a flu clinic schedule. For more information, visit <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/flu-and-pneu-vaccines.html>, or contact the ADPH Immunization Division at (334) 206-5023 or toll free at 800-469-4599. Flu shots may also be available at pharmacies.

LIFESTYLES NEWS DUE ON MONDAY



MAYIM FARM HOSTED THE "WIREGRASS HERBAL SOCIETY" MEETING, on Thursday, Nov. 15, at Mayim Farm. The group talked about Elderberries, Moringa, Turmeric, becoming certified organic and growing medicinal herbs. A discussion was held on beginning a monthly growing and using herbs meeting at Mayim Farm. Contact Greg at greg@mayimfarm.com if interested and for more information.

Wallace-Dothan medical coding program named state's top

Wallace Community College-Dothan's Medical Coding Program is the top program of its kind in Alabama, according to *Medical Billing Coding World*.

The publication recently reviewed Medical Coding programs nationwide based on their finding on accreditation, affordability, and course offerings. The course is one of several Fast-Track Career programs offered by Wallace.

"Receiving this award is truly an honor," said Joe Johnson, Workforce Development Division Director. "Providing quality training is our guiding principle. Assisting students to be successful in their chosen career field not only helps them but provides qualified candidates for area businesses."

A medical coder is responsible for reviewing medical records while identifying and translating medical procedures into proper diagnostic codes. Students in WCC's program learn to code with high accuracy for correct communication with insurance companies.

WCCD requires completion of a course in medical terminology and anatomy to gain entrance into the program. According to *Medical Billing*, this prepares students for the material.

Instructor Brenda Monday said that Medical Coding is a profession that appeals to students of all ages and backgrounds.

"We have a lot of students who are working in a medical setting such as a physician's office, billing company, or hospital," she said. "They are looking to improve their skills as a means of advancement or transitioning towards a new career path in the event of shifts in employment."

Learning the terminology and skills is worth the 40-week commitment, according to Monday.

"This course requires a lot of independent study. Commitment is the key to success, but this course will make the students' current skills more marketable," she said. "I think this is a career that will continue to grow as physicians see the difference in accuracy and increase in reimbursements from correctly-coded claims."

The program, which

meets at SouthEast Health

on Tuesday evenings,

boasts a work-friendly

schedule that accommodates working students.

The next class begins Jan. 15. The course costs \$1,680

and is approved for WIOA funding.

Students who successfully complete the program take the Certified Professional Coders (CPC)

national exam administered by AACP (American

Academy of Professional Coders).

For more information, go to www.wallace.edu/medicalcoding or call (334) 556-2414.



RWCC WELCOME GUEST SPEAKERS... Todd Stacy, Publisher of *Alabama Daily News*, and Alabama Federation of Republican Women (AFRW) President Vicki Bailey were the guest speakers at the Wednesday, Nov. 14, meeting of the Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC). Stacy gave his analysis of the 2018 General Election and what issues may be coming up in the Alabama Legislature and US Congress. Bailey shared details of the history of AFRW and upcoming events for the Federation. Kyla Mathner, the 2019 Coffee County Distinguished Young Woman, also spoke to the group about her positive experience competing in the DYW program. Pictured above, left to right: Vicki Bailey, RWCC 1st VP Robin Foy, RWCC President Johnna Roberts, and Todd Stacy. RWCC meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Enterprise Country Club. Social time begins at 11 am, optional buffet at 11:30, and the program starts at noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are necessary. Point of contact is Jan at 334-494-3763 or email: rwccreservations@gmail.com.

Elba BOE

meeting set for Nov. 26th

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Elba City School Board will be Monday, Nov. 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the central office.

Elba City Schools are

closed this week in observance of the

Thanksgiving holidays.

Classes resume Monday

morning, Nov. 26th.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dr. John Granger
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS,
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Thanksgiving, America's Oldest Holiday

"The oldest American holiday is Thanksgiving and the celebration has changed little over the years in purpose and manner of observance." These observations were given by Ralph and Adelin Linton in their book, *We Gather Together, The Story of Thanksgiving*. They say that the Pilgrims might not recognize the modern expressions of Christmas or Easter, but Thanksgiving is much the same as it was in its first American celebration.

History records the checkered experience of the colonists. They arrived in the New World anxious to exercise their religious freedom (Some were not numbered among the saints).

The group was ill-prepared to sustain themselves in their new wilderness home. Most of them were trained in some sort of city-type trade. They had neither the experience nor the tools to do well in the New World. They still believed God in His providence was caring for them.

They settled in an area which had been desolated because an epidemic claimed the lives of all the tribesmen except one named Squanto, who had been to Europe with white men. Squanto befriended the Pilgrims and became a great help to the immigrants by teaching them Indian methods of farming and hunting. He also bridged the language gap between the settlers and the Indians.

The Indians and Pilgrims made a peace treaty which was very successful. A good harvest after their first planting under Squanto's direction topped off a list of reasons to offer Thanksgiving to God.

They celebrated in spite of the loss of half their number during their first winter in New England. They had a feast, invited friends, and offered God thanks.

This procedure is always in vogue. Psalm 103:1 instructs us to "Bless the Lord,... and forget not all His benefits." It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord! The years might bring much change, but men and women of faith recognize the gracious hand of God in the affairs of life.



CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS...As part of the Basin Baptist Church Fall Festival held last Saturday, Nov. 17, the 'Men of Basin Chili Cookoff' also was held. There were eight total entries this year, and the chosen winners were (from left): 1st Place - Chris Henderson, 2nd Place - Sam Cooper, and 3rd Place - Sam Self.

Living Waters Christian Church of Opp plans Pastor Appreciation services

Living Waters Christian Church, 2305 Hwy. 84, Opp, Ala., will honor the 1st Year Pastor's Appreciation for Pastor Kelvin Burks in services Dec. 7th-9th.

The Dec. 7th service will be at 7 p.m. with Pastor Celestine Lenord of Morning Star Church of

Unity, Orlando, Fla.; Dec. 8th will be a gospel music program beginning at 6:30 p.m.; and Dec. 9th will be at 2:30 p.m. with Apostle Charles Reynolds of Abiding Faith Healing and Deliverance Ministries, Orlando, Fla.

All are invited to attend.

Victorian Christmas set for Dothan's Landmark Park on Sunday, Dec. 9

Join Landmark Park on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 1-4 p.m. for this year's Victorian Christmas.

Sip hot apple cider or hot chocolate while listening to Christmas carols and visiting with Santa. Enjoy old fashioned desserts, syrup making, arts and crafts, music, wagon rides and handmade decorations.

A circuit riding preacher will arrive on a horse drawn wagon to deliver a holiday message. Volunteers are invited to bake old fashioned desserts from old family recipes for Victorian Christmas.

Anyone who would like to bake something should contact Landmark Park at 334-794-3452. Arts and Crafts vendors are also being accepted.

Admission to Victorian

Christmas is free, as a 'thank you' to the community for your support during the year. Attendees are invited to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Wiregrass United Way Area Food Bank.

Since 1996, over 64,575 pounds or 50,449 meals have been donated to the Victorian Christmas food drive.

Features of Landmark Park include nature trails, a planetarium, playground, picnic areas, an elevated boardwalk, a turn-of-the-century farmstead with sheep, chickens, cows and other farm animals and crops typical of a 1890s farm. In addition, the park includes a drugstore with operating soda fountain, one-room school, general store, and historic church, all preserved from the surrounding area.

The park is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The park is located on U.S. Hwy 431 North, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle.

For more info, call the park or visit www.landmarkparkdo.com.

**Church News
is due
on Monday!**

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Praise to God, the Ruler of the Earth [Psalm 47:1-9]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Julia Glasco, Shane Williams, Clarice Fitch, Bruce Dodd, Min. Robert Edwards, Kashonda McGill, Brandy Kelley, Georgia Nelson

November Birthdays

Mary Elizabeth Kelley

11/19

Henry Rayborn 11/19

Jasmine White 11/19 (in memory)

Ted Horstead 11/20

Laila Gulley 11/21

Annette Hammonds 11/21

Billy Blue 11/21

Harrison Shipman 11/21 (in memory)

Maria K Duncan 11/22

Matthew Bright 11/23

Lady Bird Rodgers 11/23

** Love Your Enemies

Jesus said, "Love your enemies" [Matthew 5:44].

Long before He said it, David was demonstrating what it means. The word love is used so loosely today that we hardly know what it means when we hear it, for there are many kinds of love.

Jesus was talking about the most unselfish kind of love – the kind called agape. It is a love that is seen in the life as well as felt in the heart.

Jesus explained it thus:

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do

good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" [Matthew 5:44].

How do you feel toward those who mistreat you, slander you, insult you, abuse you? If you examine your heart and find no love for them, then fill your life with loving deeds. Do good to them at every opportunity you see, and make some opportunities that you do not yet see. If you do this earnestly and conscientiously, you will be surprised by the love that begins growing in your heart.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 11/22/18

Q: Does the genealogy of Jesus have an encouraging word for women?

A: Yes! In addition to Mary, four women are listed in Jesus' genealogy. [read Matthew 1]

Thought to Remember

Our mission is to love like Jesus

Question for the Week of 11/29/18

Q: Other than the fact that God hears the cry of His suffering people, what lesson is there for us from the statement in Exodus 3:7?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Basin Baptist Church plans Christmas music programs for Sunday, Dec. 9th

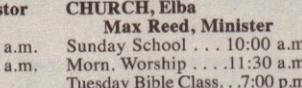
Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy 189 S, Elba, will celebrate the Christmas season Sunday, Dec. 9, as both the adult and children's choirs present music programs.

The adult choir will present its Christmas Cantata during the morning worship hour beginning at 11 a.m. The Children's Choir will present the musical

"Angels Say What?" that evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Following the children's presentation, there will be finger foods and refreshments in the church fellowship hall.

All are invited to attend.



Church Directory

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH

Philip Adcock, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adcock, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Zion Chapel Rebel News

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

by Savannah Parker

A teacher has many jobs - they educate, they motivate, but most importantly, they inspire. A similar sentiment was noted by a new member of the Zion Chapel family, Mrs. Stacy Waldrop.

Mrs. Waldrop noted that her inspiration to teach stemmed from a mentor in her early life, her fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Patrick.

Mrs. Waldrop is commencing her eighth year of teaching by returning to Zion Chapel, her 2007 Alma Mater. She is a 2011 Troy University graduate with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also received a degree in English as a Second Language from the



Stacy Waldrop

University of Alabama Birmingham in 2014.

She and her husband, Jared, have two daughters, Eden and Tenley.

In Waldrop's eyes, "Zion Chapel is home - it is a wonderful close knit community."

Career Technical Classes:

Learning skills for the future

Submitted by
Chloe Meadows

Zion Chapel is proud to offer career technical classes to its students through the Elba Career Academy.

These classes include nursing and welding, and Zion Chapel currently has students in the 11th and 12th grades enrolled in nursing.

Most of the nursing students plan to attend college after graduation. These classes, along with AP and Dual Enrollment, are provided to help juniors and seniors get ready for college and/or the workforce.

Nursing provides a way for many to show their skills outside of the classroom and provides a pathway to a career in the medical field. After finishing these classes, students can choose to go directly into the workforce as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) if they pass the exam, or continue their nursing career in college.

For juniors, the first semester consists of online learning, the second semes-

**Support
Our Youth!**

Chloe's Corner:

Should the government lower the voting age to 16?

by Chloe Meadows

The idea of lowering the voting age to 16 years old has been a popular topic across the country during this election season.

While at the National Conference on Citizenship, our Zion Chapel students spoke with and gave a presentation with teenagers from Washington, D.C. who are pushing to address this very subject. The group is called Vote16 D.C., but there are several cities across the nation pursuing this endeavor.

According to our Constitution, a person must be at least 18 years of age to vote for any governmental office. This includes the Presidential election,

Senate elections, House of Representatives elections, and a few more.

It has been established that most of the youth in America do not feel as though their elected officials hear their voices. It has been proposed that lowering the voting age could possibly solve this problem.

Still, there are many who disapprove of this cause.

Some say that 16 year olds are not mature enough to make important decisions, such as voting for a person that will make important decisions for our country and state. Others say that immature 16 year olds would not bother to go through the hassle of registering to vote or actually committing the act of voting.

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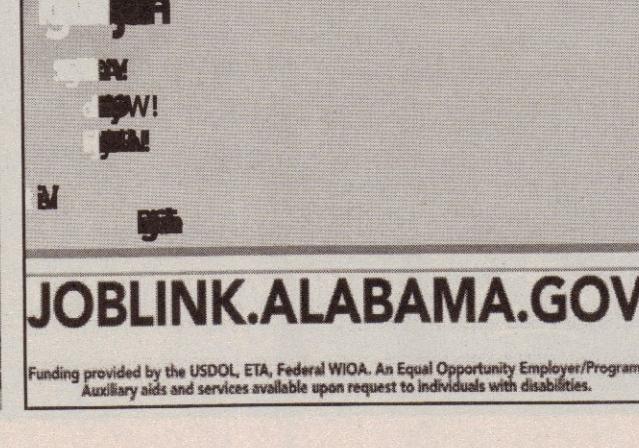
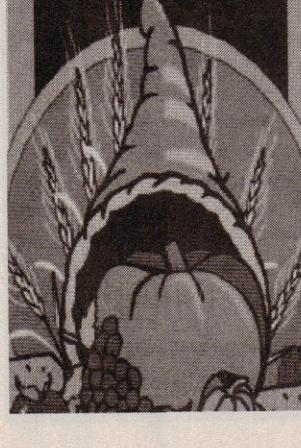
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ZC students attend National Council on Civics annual conference

Submitted by:
Kim Braisted

As members of the A+ Student Voice Team for Alabama, four Zion Chapel students were invited to the National Council on Civics Annual Conference in Washington DC.

Nate Braisted, Brianna Davis, Chloe Meadows, and Skyler Nalley all attended and spoke with a panel of young adults to discuss their efforts and plans for the future of Alabama teens.

They heard from speakers and civic organizations from around the country who are affecting change in their communities like Community Renewal International, I Civics, Inspire US, National Conversation Project, Represent US, The American Promise and



Members of the A+ Student Voice Team for Alabama enjoyed visiting many sites in Washington, D.C. while on their trip, including the Lincoln Memorial monument.

many more. Several authors who have written works on democratic topics spoke at the NCOC, like Mike Gurzon author of *The Reunited States of America*. The A+ Student Voice

team was inspired by the efforts of these groups and hopes to narrow their focus on what they plan to accomplish on the state level in Alabama.

The students also had

opportunities to tour the nation's capital, including a Ghost Tour in Lafayette Park by the White House, the NEWSEUM, the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials, and the historic US Capitol Building arranged by Martha Roby's office.

"It was amazing, very inspiring, and I learned a lot," said Nate Braisted.

The students thank Jill West at A+ Education Partnership who serves as the Alabama A+ Student Voice Team facilitator and organized the trip. They also express sincere appreciation to businesses and groups like National Security, the American Legion Post #145, Troy Cable, and South Alabama Electric Cooperative, as well as a number of individual community members who contributed financially toward this unique opportunity.



Members of the A+ Student Voice Team for Alabama at the National Conference on Citizenship. Four Zion Chapel students are a part of this Alabama team.

PTO recognizes Harvest King and Queen

Submitted by Shea Hurd,
PTO President

The Zion Chapel School PTO hosted its traditional Harvest King and Queen Competition and announced the winners on Oct. 29, 2018, concluding the Fall Festival.

This competition awards one boy and one girl, grades Pre-k through 6th Grade, who raise the most money. The entirety of all money raised goes directly back into Zion Chapel classrooms.

Both winners were awarded crowns as well as Clark Cinema movie passes, Axtion Air Jumping Trampoline Park passes, Fun Factory passes, gift cards from Ritual Day Spa for the Queen and a Walmart gift card for the king, Subway and Chill freebies as well as a free bowling game.



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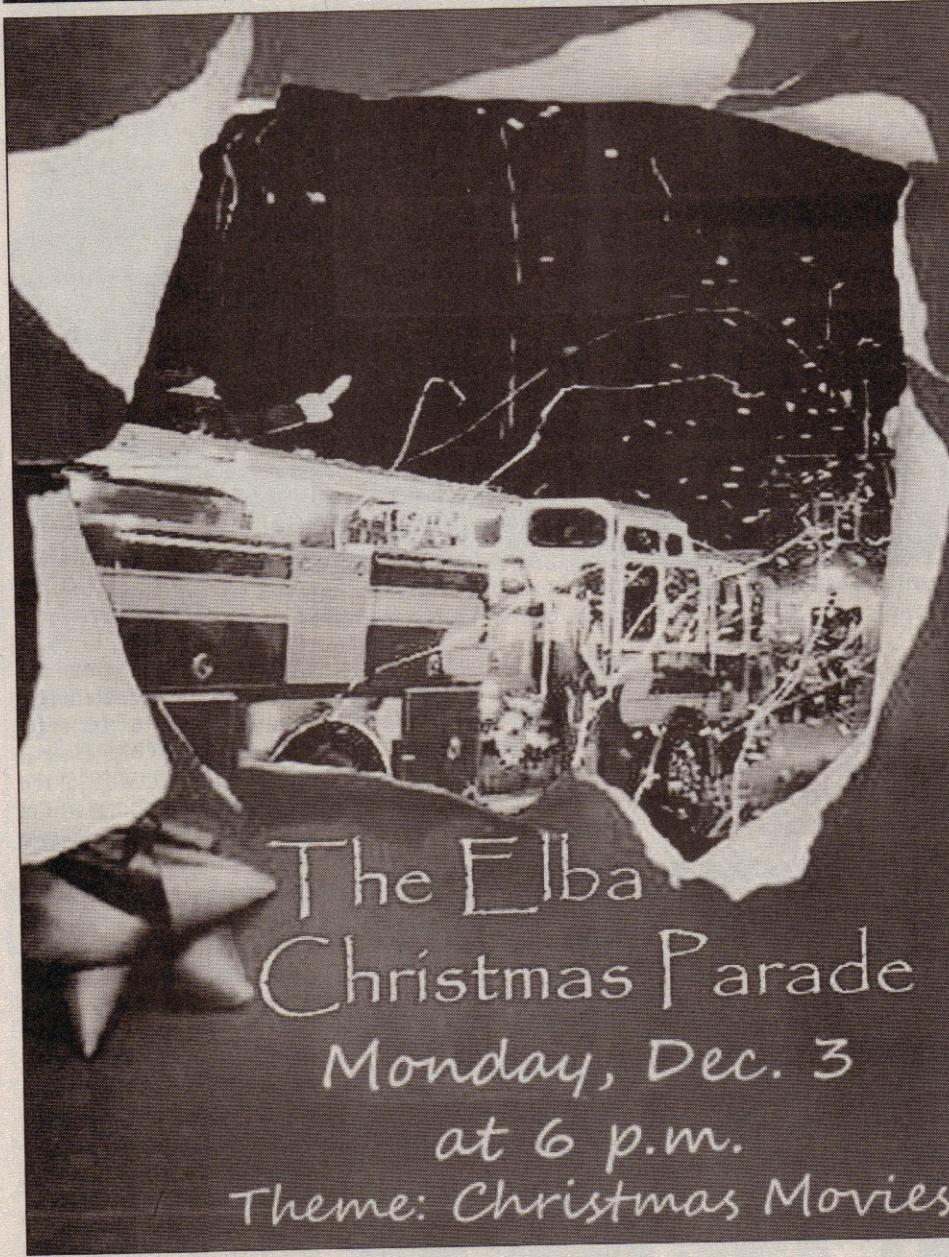
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COMMUNITY NEWS



PARADE

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Courthouse. The Christmas parade has become an annual holiday tradition that has continued to be a favorite event for generations. With "Christmas Movies" themed entries, including brightly lighted and colorfully decorated floats vying for

first place this is an event not to be missed. For more information regarding the Elba Christmas Parade, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce by phone at (334) 897-3125 or by email at elbacham@troycable.net.

The Lodge at Gulf State Park opens with great fanfare

By DAVID RAINER
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

The fanfare that accompanied the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a Hilton Hotel, was unprecedented.

With Governor Kay Ivey headlining a long list of dignitaries at the grand opening of the long-awaited facility, the Gulf Shores High School marching band played the National Anthem as Gulf Shores Navy JROTC cadets presented the colors in front of the large crowd that gathered only steps from the white-sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico.

Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Pitts Trailers introduces new heavy haul division and names new sales leader

Pitts Trailers announces Barry Freifeld as Director of Sales for the new dedicated lowboy division, Pitts Heavy Haul™.

Freifeld will oversee growth of the Pitts Heavy Haul product offering and dealer network.

"I am very excited to be joining the Pitts team. Not only am I extremely impressed with the outstanding products that Pitts offers, but I am also equally impressed by the quality of people that Pitts employs," he said.

Freifeld comes to Pitts with more than 20 years of sales management experience in the industrial, automotive, electronics, military and medical services markets. Most recently he served as Director of Sales for Trail King Industries.

Prior to that, Freifeld worked as a National Sales Manager for Hermes Abrasives and held sales roles at Henkel AG & Company and at Loctite Corporation.

"Barry brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our company," said Justin Bridges, President of Pitts Trailers. "I believe these assets, combined with his passion for customer service and development, will propel our new Pitts Heavy Haul division into a lowboy industry leader."

Freifeld holds a Bachelor of Science degree in



Barry Freifeld

mechanical engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is based in Virginia Beach, Va.

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Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama (GSSA) hosted its grand re-opening of Camp Humming Hills in Elba during the 2018 Adventure Blast Event held earlier this month. The camp now features a brand new zip line and archery range. Above, a ribbon was cut by participating girl scouts to commemorate the grand re-opening.



Hundreds of local Girl Scouts came and zipped, shot, and hiked their way through the beautiful Camp Humming Hills during the grand re-opening event. A few girls even camped out the night before on site and learned how to build a campfire and make homemade ice cream using tin cans. Above, a girl scout enjoys her first trip across the new zip line. This is expected to be a huge hit with the girl scouts that visit the camp.

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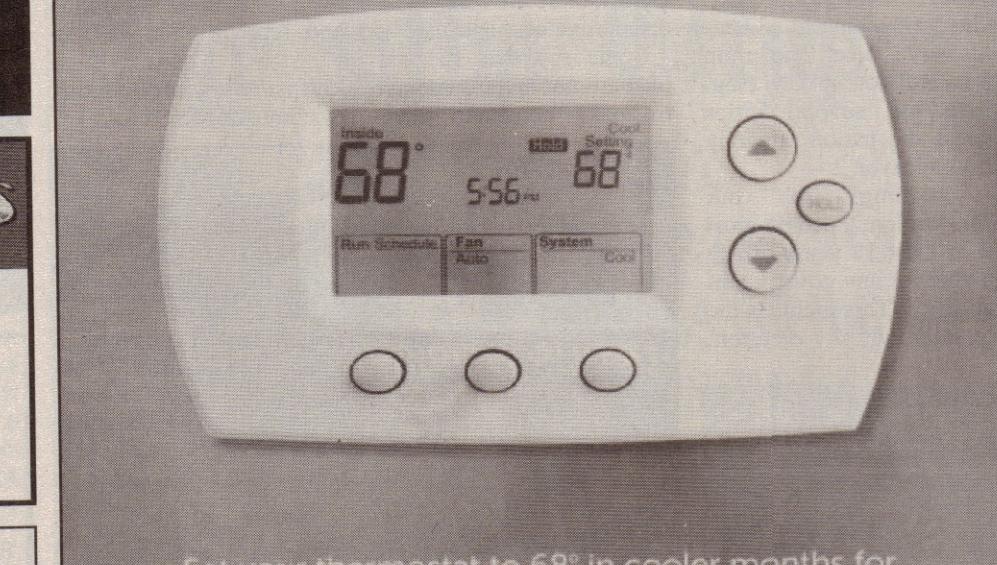
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Pre-K lends a helping hand across the state line to Georgia

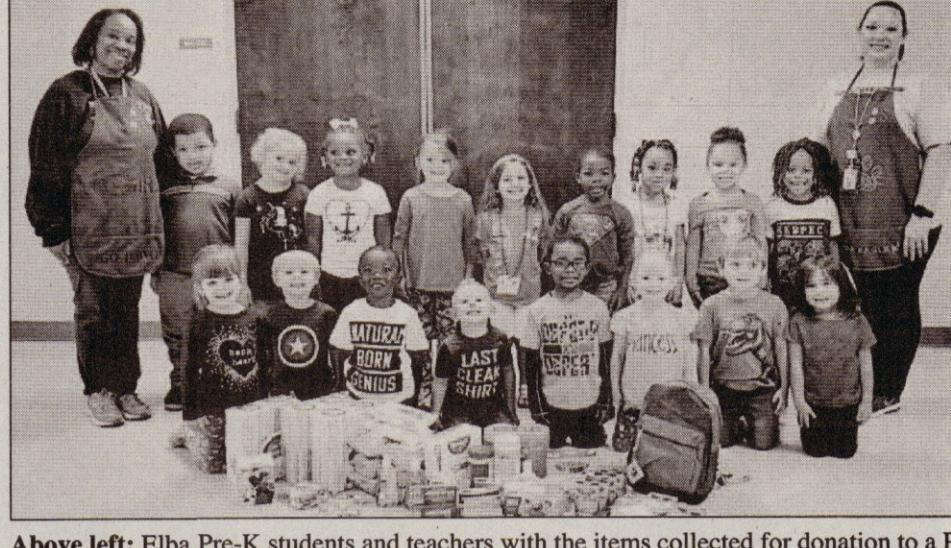
At Elba Elementary School, the Elba Learning Center's lead teacher Angela Newby and auxiliary teacher Sara Mitchell are teaching the valuable lesson of kindness and good citizenship to their students.

The Elba Pre-K class collected supplies to benefit the victims of Hurricane Michael in Georgia. They collected backpacks, first aid supplies, Clorox wipes, hand soap, underwear, clothes, socks, and school supplies.

The supplies helped to benefit Mrs. Duke's Pre-K classroom at Seminole County Elementary School. These supplies were delivered by Ms. Newby along with words and pictures of encouragement from Elba's Pre-K students.

The two classrooms exchanged addresses and vowed to keep in touch throughout the remainder of the school year.

Special thanks to Lucia Grantham for spearheading this project.



Above left: Elba Pre-K students and teachers with the items collected for donation to a Pre-K class at Seminole County Elementary School in Georgia. **Above right:** Elba Pre-K teacher Angela Newby delivered the items to Mrs. Duke's Pre-K class at Seminole County, and she and her family are pictured with those students. The two classes plan to stay in contact for the remainder of this school year.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama warning of robocall scam

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is warning their customers and

Alabamians about a nationwide robocall scam. These calls falsely claim to be

made by "Blue Cross Blue Shield". They appear to be made for the purpose of marketing insurance products by using the Blue Cross and Blue Shield brands and coincide with enrollment periods for Medicare and the Federal Employee Program. The robocallers' identity is masked by "spoofing" technology making it extremely difficult to identify the source and take action to stop the calls. Additionally, this technology allows for the same calls to appear to come from different phone numbers, which prevents consumers

from effectively blocking them.

These robocalls are not originating from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, and we are taking every step available to minimize public confusion. We encourage consumers to be vigilant, protect their personal information, and guard against providing personal information during calls that claim to be from Blue Cross.



Angela Newby (center) makes the delivery to Seminole County Elementary School from her Pre-K class at Elba Elementary School.



The LBW Community College Foundation recently established the Ballard and Lynn Krudop Scholarship, thanks to a generous donation of funds for a full endowment. This scholarship was created to support students in the LBWCC Ensemble or those with an interest in music. Pictured at the official agreement signing ceremony are, from left, LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel; Dr. Arlene Davis, associate dean of institutional advancement; Lynn Krudop, donor; and Kim Carter, LBWCC Foundation President.

LBWCC offering quick start photography

LBW Community College in Andalusia is offering a seven week "Quick Start Photography" course with instructor Robert Evers, Tuesdays, 6 – 8 p.m., Jan. 8 – Feb. 19, 2019. Classes will be held in the Learning Resource Center in classroom L133 on the Andalusia Campus.

about smartphone cameras, macro/micro, quality of light, the exposure triangle, color vs black and white, reducing camera shake and noise, composition, photo editing, resolution, and much, much more.

Space is limited. There is a fee. Registration deadline is December 20, 2018.

Participants may register in person in the Student Services office Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. – Noon. For more information call (334) 881-2231.

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson pulled out a Christmas catalog last week and circled several items that he wanted to make sure Santa knew about. I assured him Santa was already keeping an eye on him and knew exactly what he wanted, but did tear the page out of the catalog and put it in a safe place.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an end** last week with a tough 28-0 loss to Linden. The Tigers never got anything going on offense and had only 44 yards in total offense and moved the chains only three times as they suffered a rare shutout, while over on defense the Tigers battled for all four quarters and kept the score close enough for a possible late rally. The loss was a disappointment for the Tigers and their fans, but last Friday night the best team won and the Tigers now know where they need to improve before they kick it off again next season.

*** **The second round of the state football playoffs** did include a couple of surprises, as in 7A, where Robert E. Lee shocked Auburn 12-6; in 6A, where Opelika outscored Bessemer City 42-26; in 5A, where Central Clay County pounded Madison Academy 44-19; in 4A, where Andalusia hammered Headland 51-22; in 3A, where Pike County upset Thomasville 21-14; in 2A, where Leroy had to score late to sneak past Daleville 27-26; and in 1A, where Lanett struggled to get past Marengo 14-6. Some games that went as planned included (5A) Greenville rolling past Bibb County 43-16, (4A) UMS-Wright spanking Trinity 48-7, (3A) Providence Christian defeating St. James 27-6, (2A) Luverne outscoring Abbeville 41-20, and (1A) St. Luke's clobbering Wadley 46-16.

*** **All three college favorites won** over the weekend with Alabama waking up in the second half to get past the Citadel 50-17, Auburn making easy work of Liberty 53-0 and Troy struggling to claim a 12-7 win over Texas State. The Crimson Tide forgot to leave a wake up call at the hotel and didn't shake the cobwebs out until the second half after one of its worst halves in years. The Tigers didn't play their best, but didn't have to in their easy win, and the Trojans failed to score a touchdown in their ugly conference win. Oh well, all three posted wins.

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** wasn't smiling when he dropped by the office over the weekend and shouted 'Bah Humbug' when asked for a comment about last weekend's Elba and Alabama football games. The fact the local guesspert hit only 18 of his 26 picks last week didn't help any, but the playoff picks did leave his season totals at 314-75, and that ain't too shabby. Here is this week's fearless forecast....

Central 35 R.E. Lee 10
Saraland 17 Opelika 14
Spanish Fort 24 Wetumpka 7
Ramsey 34 Greenville 21
Vigor 21 Demopolis 7
Hillcrest 27 Andalusia 24
UMS-Wright 28 American Christian 10
Flomaton 22 Pike County 20
Gordo 21 Providence Ch. 17
Leroy 33 Luverne 30
Arlton 27 Highland Home 21
Lanett 27 Maplesville 14
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In prep basketball Rebels drop season opener 60-34

The Zion Chapel Rebels tipped off the basketball season last week with a 60-34 home court loss to the Red Level Tigers.

The Rebels jumped out to an early 2-1 lead on a basket by Aaron Senn, but Red Level ripped off the game's next 24 points to open up a big 25-2 lead with 6:18 remaining in the second quarter and carried a 30-9 lead in at intermission.

The Rebels Jeremiah Deal sparked an early Rebel rally in the third quarter and scored seven straight Zion Chapel points to keep hopes of a comeback alive. Two quick baskets by Aaron Senn enabled the Rebels to cut the lead to 43-27 with 7:34 remaining in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers never lost command and closed the game on a 14-5 run to cap the big 60-34 win.

Aaron Senn scored 15 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Jacob Catrett led Red Level with 23 points.

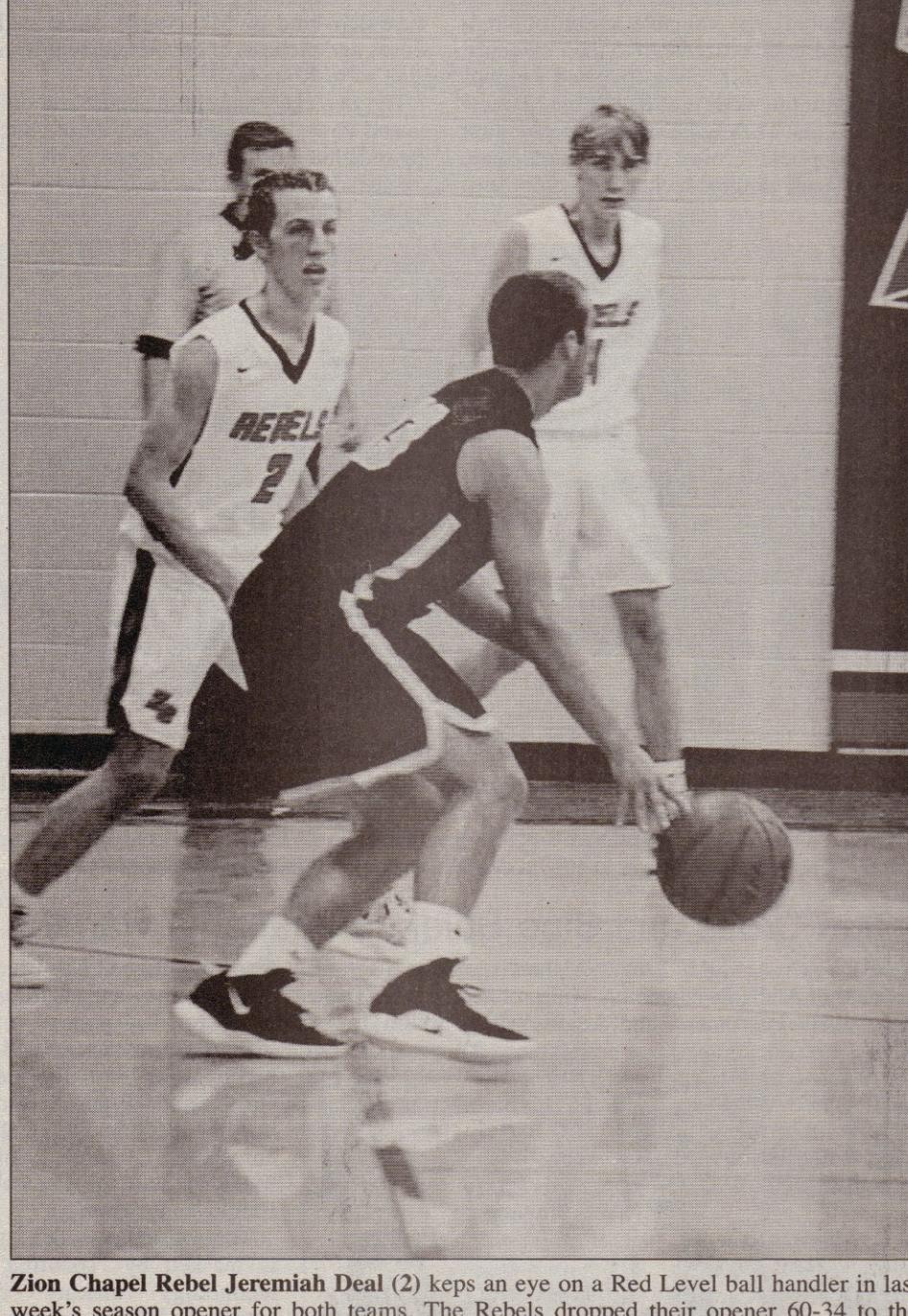
R.L. (60): Green 17, Russell 5, Catrett 23, Cook 2, Mitchell 3, Kelley 3, Coleman 7.
Z.C. (34): Senn 15, Deal 7, Richburg 3, Anderson 4, Flowers 1, Nalley 4, McCrary 1.

(Girls)

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and never lost command in an impressive 49-30 win over Red Level.

Willow Johnson and Janna Miles sparked an early Lady Rebel that put Zion Chapel on top 9-0 with 4:23 left in the first quarter, and while Red Level did stage a mild rally late in the stanza, Alanah Bunce and Lexi Rugg both drained 3-pointers late in the closing seconds to allow the Lady Rebels to take a 15-8 lead.

Willow Johnson scored six straight points in the second quarter to help push the Lady Rebels lead to 23-



Zion Chapel Rebel Jeremiah Deal (2) keeps an eye on a Red Level ball handler in last week's season opener for both teams. The Rebels dropped their opener 60-34 to the Tigers.

(Photo by Lauren Green)

14, and Johnson added a late basket as Zion Chapel carried a 26-18 lead in at the half.

Hannah Arnold scored seven points early in the third quarter to spark a 9-3 run that upped the Lady Rebels lead to 35-21, and Zion Chapel never allowed Red Level to get any closer as the Lady Rebels rolled to the big 49-30 win.

Willow Johnson scored 21 points to lead Zion

Chapel, while Maggie Wilkerson scored 8 points to lead Red Level.

Z.C. (49): Arnold 7, Rugg 6, Barker 2, Camacho 2, Enloe 2, Miles 6, Bunce 3, Johnson 21.

R.L. (30): McClain 5, Whitfield 2, Wilkerson 8, Poindexter 5, Hart 2, Feagin 3, Carroll 5.

Z.C. (53): Watson 9, B. Watson 20, Adair 12, Cobb 2, Kelley 1, Bivens 2, Knight 7.

R.L. (48): Wright 18, Poindexter 4, Pate 11, Johnson 11, Brownlee 4.

(JV)

The Zion Chapel Rebels claimed an exciting 53-48

'Long' night for Rebels

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Z.C. (56): Deal 8, Hutchinson 7, Heap 5, Richburg 10, Turner 5, Finger 3, Nalley 10.

(Girls)

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and then watched G.W. Long get hot late from behind the arc as they lost 57-25, at home.

The Lady Rebels were tied at 3-3 early after a basket and a free throw by Willow Johnson, but Long scored the game's six points to open up a 9-3 advantage and stretched its lead to 16-6 early in the second quarter. Zion Chapel rallied and pulled within 23-15 at the half.

However, G.W. Long drained six 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and closed the game on a 28-5 run to claim the big 57-25 win.

Long (57): Long 12, Brady 1, E. Long 2, Payne 3, Hughes 10, L. Payne 5, M. long 9, E. Hughes 15.

Z.C. (25): Rugg 8, Camacho 2, Miles 1, Johnson 12, Barker 2.

(JV)

The Zion Chapel Rebels pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 44-36 win over G.W. Long. The Rebels jumped out to an early 14-3 and led 24-7 at the half, and turned back a late rally to pull out the win.

Z.C. (44): Watson 2, B. Watson 16, Braisted 2, Adair 15, Kelley 6, Knight 1.

Long (36): Langford 12, Caraway 9, Coleman 3, Roland 2, Whitehead 9.

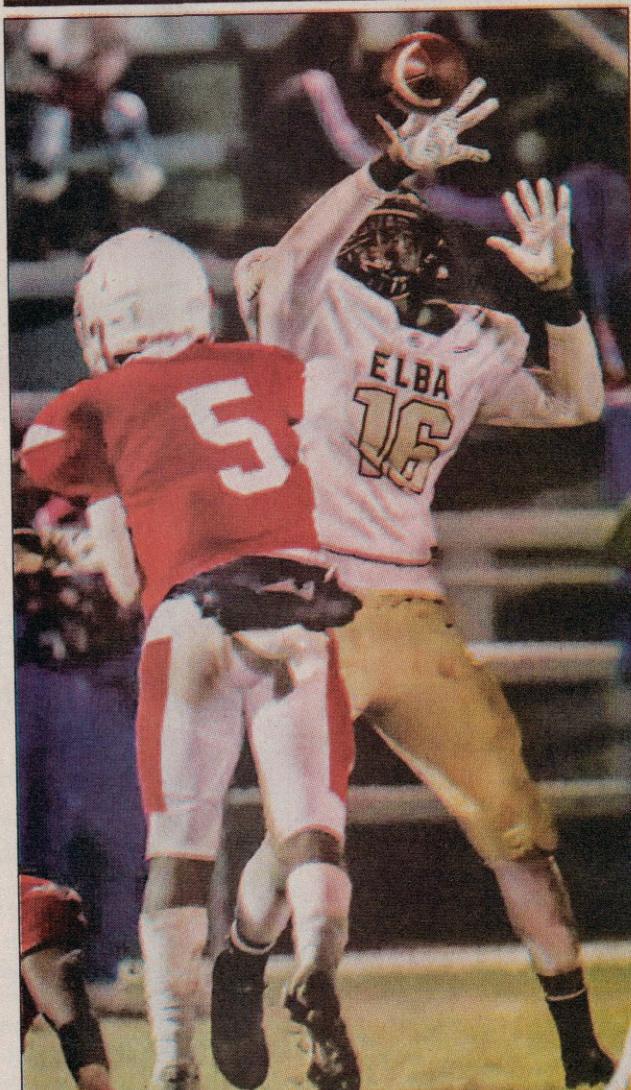
Zion Chapel defender tries to block a shot in last week's 60-34 season opening loss to Red Level. The Rebels will return to action next week looking to snap a long losing streak.

(Photo by Lauren Green)

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(Photo by Lauren Green)

SPORTS



Elba Tiger Alex Wright (16) applies pressure to the Linden quarterback in last week's second round playoff loss to the Patriots.



Elba Tiger fan tries to keep warm on a cold and damp night in Linden as the Tigers competed in the second round of the 1A football playoffs.

Elba ousted

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by B & C Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an abrupt end Friday night when they lost to the Linden Patriots 28-0, in Linden, in the second round of the 1A football playoffs.

Elba went backwards on its initial possession of the night and lost a total of 19 yards on three plays, but Linden was ready to roll and after a Tiger punt went 43 yards in just five plays to grab an early lead.

A 23-yard pass from Graderius Brown to Kevin Green on the first play of the possession got the Patriots off to a fast start, and four plays later they were on the scoreboard after a 7-yard blast up the middle by Douglas Johnson. Jaevius Smith kicked the extra-point, and with 7:32 left in the first quarter Linden was already on top 7-0.

Elba's Richmon Singletary broke loose for an apparent 62-yard touchdown run on the first play on Elba's ensuing possession, but a penalty flag nullified the long run, and four plays later the Tigers gave the ball back on a fumble near midfield.

Linden put the ball in play at the Elba 44-yardline late in the opening quarter after a Tiger punt and covered the distance to the endzone in four plays to extend its lead. A roughing the passer penalty against Elba on third down and seven pumped new life into the scoring drive, and on the next play Brown connected with Green from 26 yards out for a Patriot touchdown. Smith added the extra-point as Linden's lead grew to 14-0 with 11:11 left in the second quarter.

Elba's offense showed signs of life on its ensuing series and behind the hard running of Richmon Singletary moved to a first down at the Linden 47-yardline. An apparent pass completion for a first down was wiped out by another penalty flag that resulted in a 20-yard loss; however, and three plays later the Tigers were forced to punt the ball away.

Elba threatened again late in the half and reached the Linden 35-yardline after an 18-yard pass completion from Byron Johnson to Singletary, but three incomplete passes and a run for negative yardage killed the threat, and at halftime Linden went in with a 14-0 lead.

The Tigers reached a first down at the Linden 33-yardline on their initial possession of the third quarter after a 17-yard dash by Byron Johnson, but lost a fumble on the next play as another scoring opportunity went by the board.

Linden failed to mount a drive on its initial two possessions of the second half, but on its third possession went 50 yards in nine plays to increase its lead. Graderius Brown rushed for 32 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run up the middle, and while the extra-point failed, the Patriots were now on top 20-0 with 23-seconds remaining in the quarter.

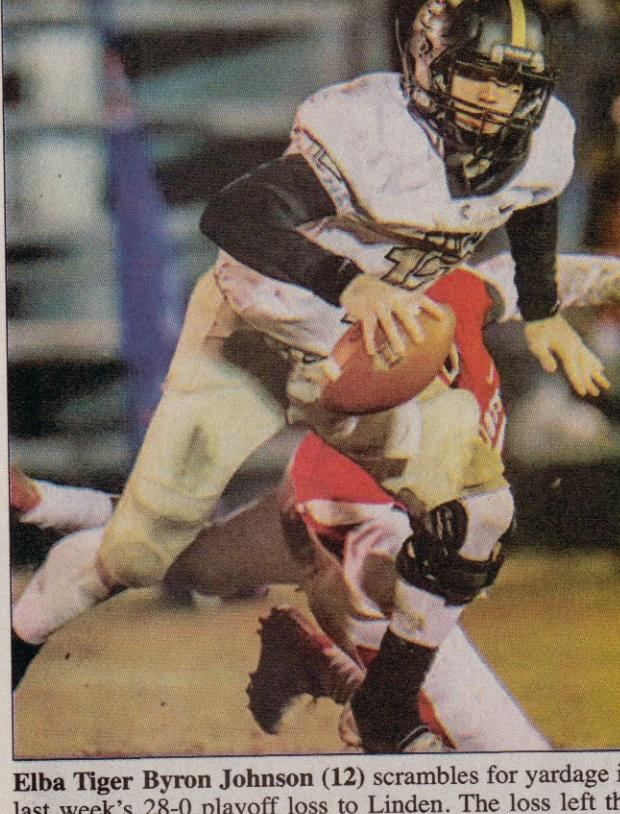
Linden began its next offensive series at the Elba 30-yardline after an incomplete pass on fourth down, and covered the distance in five plays to get right back into the endzone. Graderius Brown scored the Patriot touchdown on a 19-yard run around the left end, and Douglas Johnson ran in the two-point conversion as Linden went up 28-0 with 9:14 left in the fourth quarter and put the finishing touches on the big homefield win over the Tigers.

Richmon Singletary rushed for 29 yards on 14 carries and pulled in one pass for 18 yards to lead the Elba offense, while Graderius Brown rushed for 72 yards and 2 touchdowns on 12 carries and completed 5 of 9 passes for 103 yards and one TD to spark Linden.

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4/2	Fumbles/Lost
4-33	Punts-Ave.
5-36	Penalties-Yds.

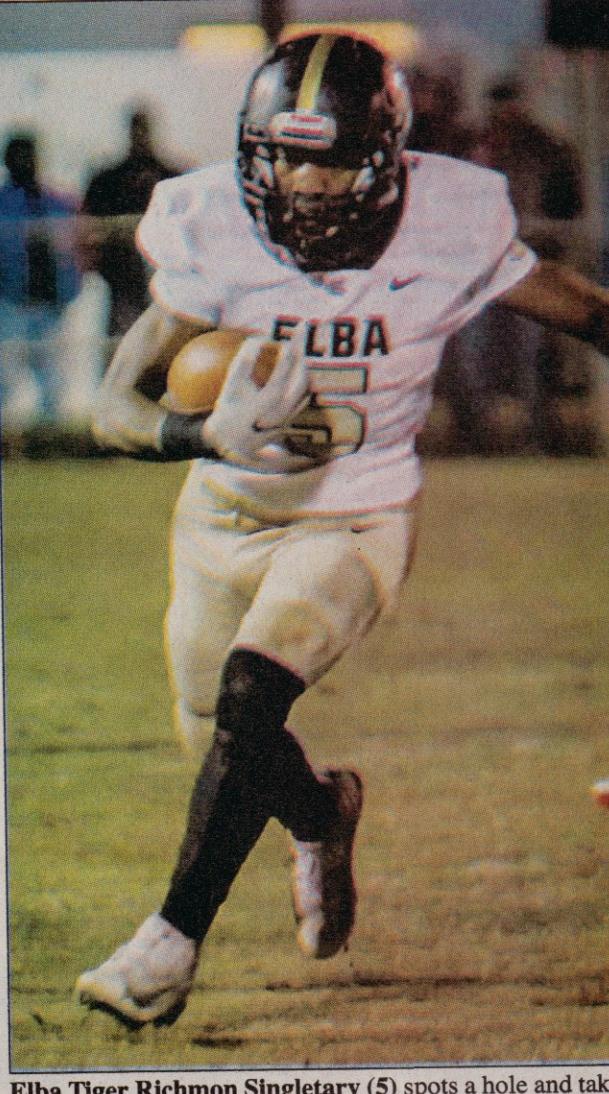
Elba Tiger O'marion Terry (52) attempts to break up a pass at the line of scrimmage in last week's 28-0 1A playoff loss to Linden.



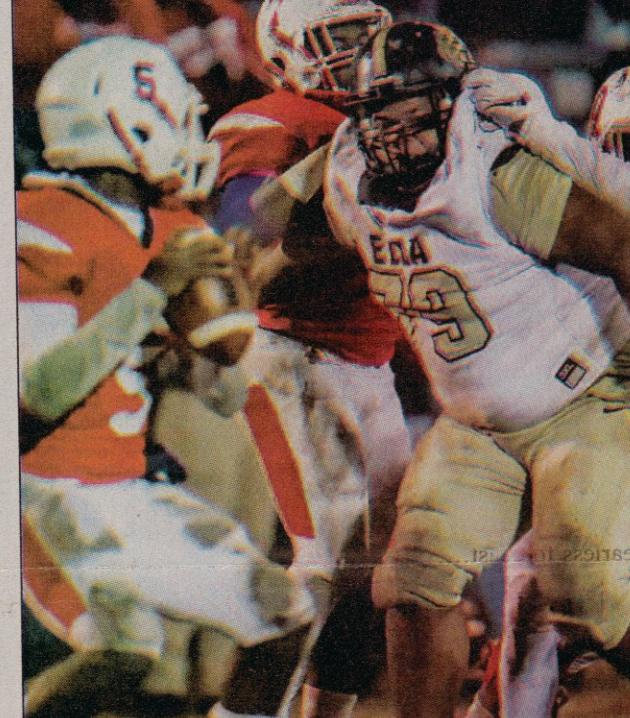
Elba Tiger Byron Johnson (12) scrambles for yardage in last week's 28-0 playoff loss to Linden. The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 8-3 on the season.

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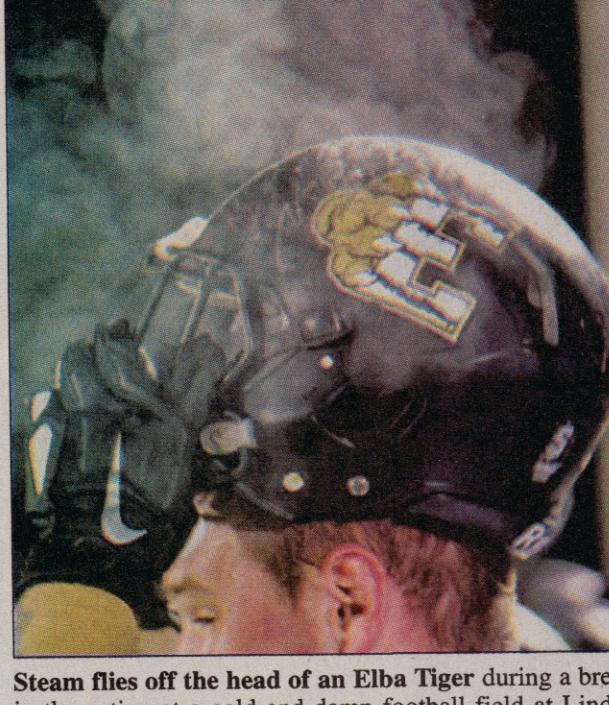
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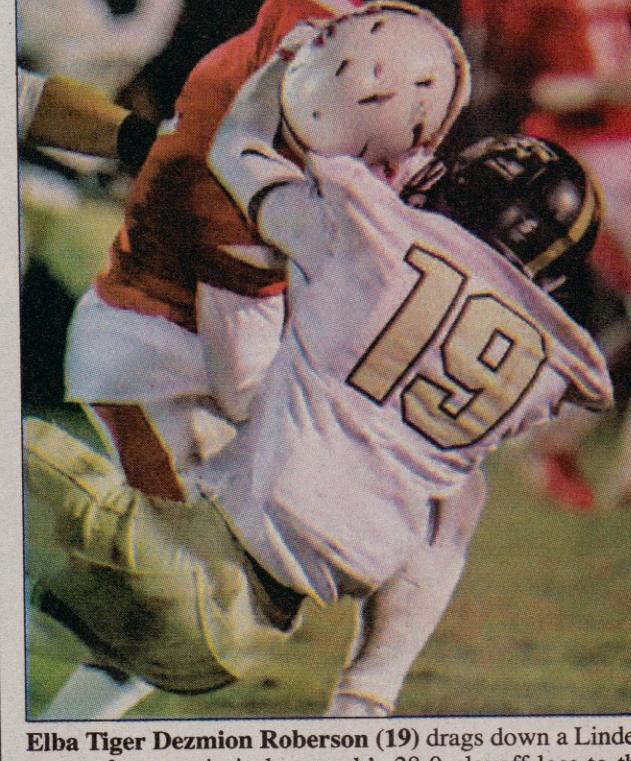
Elba Tiger Richmon Singletary (5) spots a hole and takes off. Singletary had a 62-yard TD run nullified in last week's playoff loss to Linden.



Elba Tiger Larry Burks (79) tries to pull away from a double-team block to put pressure on the Linden quarterback in last week's playoff action.



Steam flies off the head of an Elba Tiger during a break in the action at a cold and damp football field at Linden during action last week.



Elba Tiger Dezmon Roberson (19) drags down a Linden runner for no gain in last week's 28-0 playoff loss to the Patriots.



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